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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We are writing in support of the proposed settlement of the Microsoft legal case. We are aware that the appellate court has deemed Microsoft to be a monopoly. It seems to us that if this is true, it is because their competitors were unable to compete in the marketplace as the Microsoft products were superior, so that they dropped out of the competition, leaving Microsoft "only man left standing", ergo, a "monopoly".

It is also our understanding that a monopolist should be punished if it has harmed consumers. We have purchased many of Microsoft's software products, and have been delighted and amazed by the features they contain, and certainly do not feel we have been overcharged for any of them. We recently purchased a new computer, in part because we wanted to upgrade to the new Windows XP product, which has indeed been a major improvement over our previous Windows 98 software.

Rather than being prosecuted in the courts, to some considerable extent on the behest of their bested competitors, we feel Microsoft should be acclaimed for its contribution to the facilitation of the development of the worldwide net by developing products which by their wide acceptance have provided a common "language" for use between computer users, rather than a "babel-like" situation which could have evolved if many competing "languages" were equally prevalent. Perhaps Microsoft should receive a Nobel prize in some category. In any event, we feel Microsoft should be punished as little as possible.

Sincerely,

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